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STUDY

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1. SUMMARY: ASSISTANCE MODUS OPERANDI PROPOSED BY OPIC
(REFTEL A) SHOWS GREAT PROMISE, BUT IS NOT APPROPRIATE
TO SPECIFIC PROJECT PRESENTED IN REFTEL C. DISTINCTION
MUST BE MADE BETWEEN PREFEASIBILITY (PLANNING) STUDIES
OF JUNTA AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STEPS OF ANDEAN DEVELOP-
MENT CORPORATION (CAL). ACTION REQUESTED: REACTION
WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY AUGUST 31, PRIOR TO REGIONAL IN-
TEGRATION OFFICER'S TDY AWAY FROM LIMA, ON ASSISTANCE
REQUESTS PRESENTED IN BOTH REFTEL C AND REFAIR D. END
SUMMARY.

2. OPIC'S POSITIVE APPROACH GREATLY APPRECIATED BY
JUNTA. HOWEVER, CONDITIONAL REPAYMENT CLAUSE NOT
POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

3. GLOBAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL (REFAIR B) DIVIDES RE-
CIPIENTS INTO JUNTA AND CAF. JUNTA NEEDS EXPERTISE TO
MAKE ITS PROGRAM PROPOSALS TO THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
AS SOUND AND REALISTIC AS POSSIBLE. THESE PROPOSALS
COVER MAINLY PLANT ASSIGNMENTS UNDER SECTORAL PROGRAMS
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OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RATIONALIZATION PROGRAMS

FOR EXISTING INDUSTRY. CAF NEEDS EXPERTISE AT IMPLEMENTATION LEVEL TO DEEPEN FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS AFTER POLITICAL DECISION REGARDING PLANT ASSIGNMENT OR RATIONALIZATION STEPS ALREADY REACHED. CONDITIONAL REPAYMENT PROVISION COULD PROBABLY BE APPLIED TO CAF PROGRAMS, BUT NOT TO JUNTA STUDIES.

4. REGARDING SPECIFIC JUNTA REQUEST OUTLINED IN REFTEL C, PERUVIANS HAVE INFORMAL ADVICE FROM GERMAN BAYER OFFICIALS THAT LOCATION OF BOLIVIAN-PERUVIAN JOINT PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX ECONOMICALLY MORE FEASIBLE AT SEA-LEVEL LOCATION ON PERUVIAN COAST. BOLIVIANS REPORTEDLY ARE ASSURED BY U.S. COMPAY OR COMPANIES THAT ALTIPLANO LOCATION AT DESAGUADERO ALSO PERFECTLY FEASIBLE. JUNTA URGENTLY WANTS OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS FROM STANFORD REASEARCH INSTITUTE. STUDY WOULD ONLY COVER COST FACTOR OF PETROCHEMICALS PRODUCTION AT HIGH ALTITUDE. TEXT OF SRI PROPOSAL TO JUNTA WAS POUCHED TO RICHARD CRISLER, LA/DR.

5. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, PLEASE CABLE BY AUGUST 31 WHETHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS REFTEL C AND REFAIR D COULD BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED. BOTH HAVE HIGH PRIORITY IN JUNTA AND ALSO FIT WITHIN OVERALL PROGRAM PROPOSAL SUBMITTED IN REFAIR B.
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